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As someone familiar with computing and the computer industry, and the adverse effects of Microsoft's monopolies in these areas, I do not see how the settlement that is put forth even pretends to remedy the antitrust crimes of which Microsoft has been found guilty. The company has already been found in violation, (this is the penalty phase of the case) but the settlement contains no penalties and even increases Microsoft's monopoly. A just penalty, I continue, would at least carry three additional features:

- (1) Any remedy seeking to prevent an extension of Microsoft's monopoly must place Microsoft products as extra-cost options in the purchase of new computers, so that the person who does not wish to purchase them is not forced to do so. This means that for the price differential between a new computer with Microsoft software and one without, a computer seller must offer the computer without the software (which would prevent computer makers from saying that the difference in price is only a few dollars). Only then could competition come to exist in a meaningful way.
- (2) The specifications of Microsoft's present and future document file formats must be made public, so that documents created in Microsoft applications may be read by programs from other makers, on Microsoft's or other operating systems. This is in addition to opening the Windows application program interface, which is already part of the proposed settlement.
- (3) Any Microsoft networking protocols must be published in full and approved by an independent network protocol body. This would keep Microsoft from seizing de facto control of the Web or, yes, the Internet.

If the National Interest is at stake then surely to further the monopoly does not serve it for how many times has a weakness been found and exploited for harm within the black boxes sold by Microsoft? Do we wish to increase such occurrences?

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